

# French Fashion in Paris

*Custom, experiential learning abroad*



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In addition to the on-site activities identified by the course faculty, the ACCENT Paris team proposes the below resources as potential enhancements to the academic program. Each of these experiences was chosen to support the program theme, while exposing the students to the unique local resources available in the city. Further ideas can be explored as program learning objectives are refined.

## *Site visits and guest lectures*

- **Fashion in the Louvre**, a guided visit to Paris' most iconic museum that traces French fashion in art across centuries
- Visit to **La Place - Le Centre Culturel du Hip Hop**, discussion of the impact of hip hop dance and music on French fashion and culture, and Hip Hop as a form of resistance and activism
- **Paris' top magasins** including Le Bon Marché Rive Gauche, Printemps and Galeries Lafayette Haussmann, explored independently or on a guided tour
- **Museums**
  - *Palais Galliera - Musée de la Mode de la Ville de Paris*, with new permanent fashion exhibit funded by Chanel opening in 2019 and a series of temporary exhibitions
  - Fashion and Textile exhibits at the *Musée des Arts Décoratifs* containing over 150,000 items including costumes, accessories and textiles from the 3rd century to today
  - *Les Docks: Cité de la Mode et du Design*, innovative creative space used for exhibitions, installations, and performances that promote Paris' artists, fashion designers, photo-graphers, architects, and graphic artists
  - *Musée Yves Saint Laurent Paris*, located in the designer's former haute couture house, alternating YSL retrospectives and temporary thematic exhibitions
  - *Pierre Cardin Museum* with its permanent collection that draws from the house's archive of more than 4,000 pieces
- **Hip Hop to Hijab: Women's Dress, Gender & Identity in France**, guest lecture
- Lecture tracing the **origins of French jewelry making** and the historic, economic, and cultural factors that shaped the craft, followed by walking tour of the area traditionally linked with jewelry making, including Place Vendôme and Rue de la Paix
- **History of Luxury Brands in France**, guest lecture with Dr. Elisa de Halleux, Ecole d'Art et de Culture Paris

## *Excursions and day-trips*

- **Versailles** | guided visit to the famous Château de Versailles with an emphasis on fashion in the French royal court
- **Lyon** | exploration of the city's refined silk industry, a world leader since the 16th century, including a visit to one of the world's most prestigious silk producers, Tassinari et Chatel
- **Loire Valley** | including a visit to a special exhibition at one of the valley's breathtaking châteaux, often focused on fashion. During the fall of 2018, the Château de Blois will host an exhibit displaying a large collection of dresses, skirts, jackets, jewelry and even slippers and umbrellas from the 16th to 19th centuries.

